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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 34 through 41 contain patentable subject matter. Independent Claims 12 and 22 have been amended to include the recitations of original Claim 25, which the Examiner has indicated contains allowable subject matter. Claims 12 and 22 and any claims dependent thereon are now in condition for immediate allowance. Original Claim 25 has been cancelled. Claim 26 has been amended to depend on Claim 24.

It is respectfully submitted that all pending Claims 12 through 24 and 26 through 41 are now in condition for immediate allowance and an early notification of the allowability of these claims is earnestly solicited. If any matters remain to be resolved, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone at (704) 444-1185 to expedite prosecution of this application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

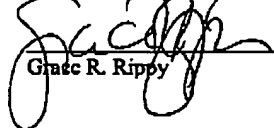


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